

Staplehurst School



NEWSLETTER

PRIDE

Positivity

Respect

Independence

Determination

Excellence

Staplehurst School is an inclusive community. We do not tolerate bullying – race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or age.

SCHOOL NEWS

PTA SUMMER FAIR

Whoop! Whoop! Whoop! What a marvellous Fair! Once again, the hard work and planning by our wonderful PTA paid off last Saturday.



The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved. Thank you to all the wonderful helpers, including the teachers who gave up a large part of their Saturday, and thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the stalls, BBQ, entertainment and the gorgeous weather.

At the end of the day the PTA raised a fantastic £2,300 but couldn't have done it without you all. Congratulations to all the prize winners: Yasmin F and Ronnie C for 'Guess the Teachers and TAs from their eyes'; Miss Robertson and Rohan C for the winning helpers and Mr Barnard for 'Guess the Lego'. Please collect your prizes from the office if you haven't already done so.

YEAR 5 TRIP TO LONDON

On Tuesday, Year 5 visited the Museum of London as part of their history topic. They travelled through London in time, from the Stone and Bronze ages, right up to the London Olympics in 2012. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit, and were, as always brilliantly behaved. Thank you to the parents that helped out – we couldn't give our children these experiences without you!

HANDBALL KENT FINALS

Last week, 12 pupils from our Handball Club played in a Handball Tournament at Hayesbrook School. We are thrilled to announce that our team was the overall winner and are the 2018 Tunbridge Wells District Champions. The team went on to play in the Kent finals on Wednesday and played extremely well and showed true sportsmanship, even though they were not successful this time. Handball Club has been a recent addition to our Clubs List and Mrs Stevenson and Mr Littleton were extremely proud to watch the newly formed team play so well.



YEAR 2 RELEASE BUTTERFLIES

Year 2, as part of their Science topic, have been growing their own butterflies. Last month they received tiny caterpillars and they have been watching them grow ever since! They got bigger and bigger as the days went on and then turned into chrysalises. They have now hatched into beautiful butterflies which were released outside on Tuesday.



YEAR 2 RECEIVE A ROYAL LETTER

In April, Year 2 sent a letter of congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of Prince Louis. This week the children were thrilled to receive a beautiful photocard from the Palace as a thank you.



SPONSORED READ

A huge thank you to everyone that took part in the sponsored read. We raised over £1,400 to buy new books for the school, which is amazing! Prizes will be awarded to the following:

EY2 – Class that raised the most money
 Sophie S – EY1 – Child that raised the most money
 Zac V – 6C - Child that read the most minutes

Well done to everyone who took part – a really excellent effort!

SCHOOL PREMISES

For safeguarding reasons parents and carers must leave the school grounds as soon as they have collected their children at the end of the school day.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS

We expect children to be in school by 8.45am each day and once the second bell has rung the wooden gate for entry to the classrooms 1-13 is closed and all pupils should be brought into school via the office as they **must** be signed in by an adult. For health and safety reasons please do not open the wooden gate after it has been closed as staff are not present to watch late arrivals and ensure their safe arrival into the classrooms.

SCHOOL DINNER ROTA

w/c 02.07.18 Year 4, 5, 6, 3
 w/c 09.07.18 Year 5, 6, 3, 4
 w/c 16.07.18 Year 6, 3, 4, 5

MENU CHANGE – AMERICAN DAY

On Tuesday 3 July Contract Dining have a change of menu for American Day. The menu will be as follows:-

Houston Hot Dogs
 Vegas Veggie Hot Dogs
 Boston Baked Beans
 South Carolina Sweetcorn
 Manhattan Mixed Salad

Philadelphia Pancakes

FOOTBALL NEXT SEASON

With the new football season just around the corner, Mr Littleton and Mr Amos are looking for new recruits and returning heroes to join Staplehurst School FC. Boys and girls are welcome to join as we will be entering mixed gender tournaments throughout the next academic year. Look out for letters in September!

ATTENDANCE

The Department for Education's target for attendance is 95%. We always strive for 100%.

Whole school attendance

Attendance for the whole school for the week is **93.35%**.

Class attendance

Special congratulations to **5G17** who achieved the highest attendance this week with **98.47%**.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Date	KS1 Assembly 9am	KS2 Assembly 2.45pm
6 July	Early Years	Year 5
13 July	Year 1	Year 4

YEAR 5 – PESE 2019 (11+ KENT TEST)

Registration for the 11+ closes on the 2 July. Parents will be able to register online by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/ola, or fill in a paper registration form, which are available from the office.

YEAR 6 – HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Parents of our current Year 6 children will need to apply to Kent County Council for transport to secondary schools using Form T1. You can apply online www.kent.gov.uk/schooltransport or paper copies are available from the office. Applications must be made by the end of July to ensure the travel pass is ready for the start of term in September.

HARLEQUIN IS RECRUITING

Harlequin would like to recruit staff locally for the After School Club which opens in September 2018. They are recruiting trained and untrained staff to work alongside their trained team.

Hours will be 7-26 hours per week. Paid annual leave, company pension, etc.

If you would like more information please email alison@hosc.co.uk

HARLEQUIN AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We have some registration forms in the office for anyone who is interested in a place for their child. Harlequin will also be at the school gates 8-9.30am on Tuesday 10 and Friday 13 July to hand out leaflets and answer any questions you may have.

PHOTOS OF SCHOOL EVENTS

We would like to remind parents that if you take any photos of your children on school site, either within the building or outside, you **must NOT include any other children in the picture**. Some of our children are not legally allowed to have their photo shared and could be put at risk if any photo of them is uploaded electronically. **The safety of all our school children is paramount.** The school has a duty of care to protect vulnerable children and it is essential that these media rules are adhered to by the whole school community. Thank you for your co-operation.

PTA NEWS

CAR BOOT FAIR 8 JULY 2018

The PTA is excited to announce that the school will be hosting a car boot fair on Sunday 8 July 2018 from 8am to 12noon

The charge for a stall will be £10.00 (cars) and £12.00 (vans). If you would like to book a pitch please leave your contact details with the office.

EASY FUNDRAISING

The PTA have registered with easyfundraising and need your help!

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help our PTA raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staplehurstscpta/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

STAPLEHURST FETE 2018

Tomorrow, Saturday 30 June is the annual village Fete from 12 to 5pm.

There will be the usual eclectic mix of stalls from lots of local groups as well as:

Local band Fingles Cave
Jack Davidson – Young Performers
Sky Bird of Prey Display Team
Headcorn Ukulele Group
Bonniest Baby Competition
Shaylars Fun Fair
Beer Tent

STAPLEHURST MESSY CHURCH – 14 JULY

Saturday 14 July is Messy Church at Staplehurst URC. It's going to be an active one with a 'Staplehurst selfie challenge'. Go prepared with a device to take selfies on a village selfie hunt - will you be able to hunt down a list of various Staplehurst landmarks and take photo selfie evidence to bring back to church? Can you complete the challenge in time for tea and ice-creams at 5pm, all of which will be provided as your reward? Do go along and join in the fun and friendship of our last Messy Church of this school year, starting from the United Reformed Church anytime between 3:30 and 4pm. See you there!

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Are your children hooked on The Greatest Showman? Lots of parents can't get away from it! But do you know why we are all so captivated by it? Because it makes us feel good, the feeling of knowing that anything is possible if you believe it to be. Where focus goes, energy flows. It is the Law of Attraction.

Would you like your children to take part in an activity programme over the summer which is inspired by the Law of Attraction? Teaching your children in a very subtle way about self-belief, goal setting, positive growth mindset and gratitude amongst others. The cost of the activity bundle is £44, for all the details please head over to www.theartofnow.co.uk/new.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SUMMER FETE AND DOG SHOW

The All Saints Church Summer Fete and Dog Show is being held on Saturday 4 August between 12 and 4pm in the grounds of Staplehurst Manor. There will be a variety of stalls so do go along for a great family day out. We apologise for the wrong information sent last week.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 8 July

PTA Car Boot Fair

Monday 9 July

Year 6 Performance to Parents 7pm

Wednesday 11 July

Year 6 Performance to Parents 1.45pm

ADMIN

Online payments - This is the preferred method. Please pay online for School Dinners, Breakfast Club, Trips, Swimming, Uniform and Equipment.

Dinner Money queries and payments - Please contact Maxine on 07501 007835.

School Uniform - Uniform can be ordered and paid for online (orders will be sent home with your child). The Uniform Shop is open anytime, but **please avoid Monday mornings and Friday afternoons**. Thank you.